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**OF INFLAMMATION** )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, please enter the following Amendments and consider the appended remarks.

**In the Specification:**

On page 1, line 3, after the word "claims" please insert --priority to PCT/CA99/01156 filed December 3, 1999 which claims--

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